

BOARD OF HEALTH

Local boards of health in Massachusetts are required by state statutes and regulations to perform many crucial and important duties relative to the protection of public health, the control of disease, the promotion of sanitary living conditions, and the protection of the environment from damage and pollution.

The Dalton Board of Health consists of five volunteer members. Public meetings are held at 4PM on the first Monday of each month at Town Hall. Current members of the board are Chairman Rich O'Brien, Cora Cooney, Ed Gero, Dr. Dan Doyle and Drew Finn. The town also contracts with the Berkshire Visiting Nurse Association to provide health services for the residents of Dalton such as flu immunization clinics and screenings.

HEALTH AGENT

Edward Fahey, Agent

The town employs a part-time Health Agent to act on behalf of the Board of Health. Edward Fahey is responsible for enforcing many state and local regulations for the protection of the public health and the environment. A registered sanitarian licensed by the state of Massachusetts, the Health Agent performs housing inspections, reviews designs and issues permits for the construction and repair of septic systems and private wells. Investigating resident complaints and issuing emergency permits for the trapping of beavers and collecting of birds for West Nile Virus testing are also required duties. The agent also acts as the town's designated noise control officer as well as the emergency management director.

Dalton has over 40 business, schools, nursing homes and church organizations that require food establishment inspections twice a year to ensure compliance with all state regulations.

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY 8-4; TUESDAY 8-4; WEDNESDAY 8-12

If you have a need to contact the Board of Health please call 684-6111, ext. 20.